

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

Homebuilding Plan for Tremé/Lafitte and Tulane/Gravier

Date 6:00-8:00, June 8, 2011
Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center, 2200 Lafitte St.

Next Meeting 6:00-8:00, July 13, 2011
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Participants:

Shawn Alfred
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Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center: Carol Carter, Emelda Paul, Rebekah Simon

Providence/Enterprise: Matt Morrin, Andreanecia Morris, Maggie Tishman

Lafitte Greenway (Design Workshop/Bright Moments, LLC): Sedrick Alphonse, Caryn Rodgers, Kurt Culberston

Claiborne Corridor Improvement Coalition: Jack Davis

This meeting record was drafted by Maggie Tishman, staff at Providence. Prior to being finalized, it will be provided in draft to all meeting participants for their review. It reflects the key messages and main points raised at the meeting. It is not intended to represent a verbatim transcript.

I. Opening prayer

- Led by Emelda Paul.

II. Removal of Claiborne Expressway

III. Post-traumatic Stress Presentation

- Post-traumatic stress (formerly known as shell shock) is triggered by multiple traumatic events, often 30 or more days after the event(s). It is anxiety disorder for which you should seek professional help.
- If you experience symptoms, you should go to the LSU Interim Hospital urgent care (2025 Gravier Street on the 5th floor), rather than the emergency room. They will be able to give you a list of behavioral and primary health care clinics in the city, most of which offer sliding-scale counseling services for Orleans Parish, as well as a list of mental health and substance abuse clinics.

IV. Hurricane Preparedness

- The City is required by the State of Louisiana to have a City-Assisted Evacuation Plan (CAEP) to help citizens who lack means to evacuate themselves, leave in case of a severe hurricane.
- Pickup points are listed in the CAEP brochure. You will be shuttled to Union Passenger Terminal and then evacuated out of the city in a bus.
- The shelters have been revamped and inspected since Hurricane Gustav. The shelter is run by the State and the Red Cross. Cots are available for the elderly or pregnant. Cots are reserved for elderly, pregnant women, and most people wind up sleeping on the floor.
- If you want to preregister, call 311. CAEP is getting a call center by the end of August. If you registered in 2006 or 2010, NOLA Ready will call you to update your information.
- Closest pickup location to Lafitte is the Municipal Auditorium on N Rampart.
- If you are disabled, you might be able to make arrangements for NOLA Ready to pick you up; however, CAEP is not able to pick everyone one separately.
- You can bring pets; they will go on a separate bus. It is especially important to preregister if you are medically needy or you have pets. There is also a paper form that you can fill out.

V. Lafitte Greenway

Kurt Culbertson (Design Workshop):

- Design Workshop is the team contracted by the city to design the Lafitte Greenway. They have been commissioned to:
 - 1) prepare a master plan for construction documents for the Lafitte Greenway
 - 2) master plan for Greenway Park
 - 3) revitalization plan for the area from Iberville to Dumaine and from Rampart to Canal Blvd
 - 4) strategy for operation and maintenance of the Greenway
- Some people have already expressed that they would like Lemann restored. The LIFT parcel, adjacent to Lafitte, formerly of the *Louisiana Institute of Film Technology*, was bought by the city again.
- This will be a robust and active community engagement process to determine what neighbors would like to see on the Greenway (baseball field, basketball court, tennis court, etc.). We also want to hear what is most important to build, to determine what to build first. Design Workshop currently has no preconceptions about what will go there.
- We just started 3 weeks ago and have to be done in 3 years according to contract. We will plan in 18 months, followed by 6 months of drawing and 12 months of construction. We have to start construction in about 24 months.
- There will be more meetings in the next few weeks. We will be back in July and first community meetings will be the week of August 15. We have an advisory committee and setting up a website so they'll keep residents informed.

VI. Re-occupancy & Resident Property Management Responsibilities

Matt Morrin (Enterprise Community Partners):

- 85 families have moved into the new units. We are getting very close to the point that if we don't have more Lafitte residents to move in to the units that we have ready. We are about 10 months away from the next one-bedrooms being ready for occupancy. There is a waiting

list for 50 units that are left in the first phase. We hope to lease them up in the next 2-3 months.

- The development partners are getting ready to start construction on the old administration building and one of the old Lafitte buildings into a head start center. Being managed by Total Community Action. Development partners have released the request for bids for the Oral History Project.

Michele Matthew (Interstate):

- If residents have maintenance issues, they should call the office first, or call Michele. She will put in the work order for the maintenance staff to come fix it. Interstate would like to designate 2 or 3 people per building to keep the hallways in the multiplexes clean. Please keep in mind that these buildings do have elderly and disabled residents that need your assistance keeping it clean.
- Any former residents that have moved in should have received their relocation checks. If you have not, please get with Michele to make sure that the request has been sent.
- STNC will be tracking information about residents to make sure that social services being provided by Catholic Charities and the other providers match the actual needs of the residents. If you received any letters or phone calls from Catholic Charities, please come into the STNC office. Helping Catholic Charities with these questions will allow them to get more grant money for future activities. If you cannot make your scheduled appointment, just call and we will reschedule. If you are elderly or disabled, STNC will come to your home to interview you.
- Question: Can the security codes be different for each unit? Answer: Matt will look into it and see if that can happen
- Question: One resident said he lives in a wheelchair accessible apartment and was concerned that there was only one way in and out, which seemed to him like a fire hazard. Answer: The development team worked looked closely at what the law and other standards say about life safety and handicapped accessibility. There are many fire separation walls that mean it will be difficult for a fire that starts in one unit to spread to the rest of the building. Therefore, it will be easy to get out if the fire did not start in your unit itself. It is not possible to make a building entirely safe. I will set up a plan with Michele for how residents of handicapped units should plan to exit in the case of a fire. Unfortunately, the development team is not in a position to build new buildings.

VII. STNC Updates

Emelda Paul (STNC staff / Resident Council President):

- Moneywi\$e classes continue.
- STNC needs volunteers to work with the youth.
- HANO is looking for six people to teach families how to manage money as part of a self-sufficiency program. If anyone is interested, they should sign the piece of paper and Ms. Paul will give them.

Mary Johnson (Resident):

- The residents are starting an activity committee. If anyone would like to get involved, they should speak to Mary or sign up after this meeting, so the activities committee can have a meeting and start planning activities.

Jessica Olivier (STNC staff):

- Please save the date for Fathers and Family Celebration Saturday before Father's Day at 1 o'clock. There will be a barbecue, music, games, and prizes. Invitations will go out in the next few days.
- The community technology learning lab is now officially open. There are 16 computers for working on online job applications, school projects, and résumés. There is a flyer with the hours. During that time anyone can come use the computer. You can use a computer for up to 2 hours, unless there are people waiting, in which case the limit will be 1 hour. No food and drink are allowed and you must sign in.
- STNC continues its Saturday youth program for 6-14 year olds from 10 am - 2 pm on Saturdays.
- There will be a Summer Witness summer camp program for youth who have completed K through 4th grade. Please talk to Jessica to get your kids enrolled. There might be opportunities for older kids to volunteer.

VIII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned and dinner served.

IX. Important dates

- Next meeting: Wednesday, July 13, 2011, at 6 pm